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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS JOB RETENTION

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Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-5, 10-12 and 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hansen (U.S. Patent No. 7,072,057).

The Office Action asserts that Hansen discloses an imaging device comprising a processor (116) adapted to receive and recognize archive files from one or more sources, and to perform operations based on the archive file type. Office Action, page 2, last paragraph. The Office Action cites column 5, lines 15-50 of Hansen in support of this assertion. *Id.* However, the cited section, as well as the reference as a whole, fails to teach or suggest that the processor is configured to recognize archive file types and to perform operations based on the archive file type. Instead, any operations performed on the received files of Hansen are directed by an operator of the processor 116, and not a result of a recognition of the file type by the processor. *See, e.g.,* Hansen, column 6, lines 21-24 ("The job preparation workstations 116 preferably execute workflow management software which allows the operator to manage, edit and print jobs.").

Claim 1 recites, in part, "a processor configured to receive and recognize archive files from one or more sources and perform operations based on the archive file type, wherein each archive file comprises one or more print jobs that are not in a print-ready format" and "wherein the processor is further configured to perform one or more user-defined operations on the print jobs." Applicant's Specification makes a distinction between user-defined operations and those which the processor is configured to perform based on recognition of the archive file type. *See, e.g.,* Specification, paragraphs 0022-0023. Applicant contends that the processor 116 of Hansen, while capable of transforming various inputs is not configured to recognize a file type of those inputs and perform operations based on the recognized file type. As such, Applicant contends that claim 1 is patentably distinct from the cited reference as Hansen does not teach or suggest at least this element of claim 1.

Claims 10 and 16 each recite, in part, "recognizing an archive file type of the received archive file" and "performing one or more operations based on the archive file type received."

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For reasoning as presented with respect to claim 1, Applicant contends that Hansen fails to teach or suggest at least this element of claims 10 and 16.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant contends that claims 1, 10 and 16 are patentably distinct from the cited reference. As claims 2-5 include all patentable elements of claim 1, claims 11-12 and 15 include all patentable elements of claim 10, and claims 17-18 include all patentable elements of claim 16, these claims are also believed to be allowable. Applicant thus respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and allowance of claims 1-5, 10-12 and 15-18.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9, 13-14 and 19-20

Claims 9, 13-14 and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen (U.S. Patent No. 7,072,057), as applied to claims 1, 10 and/or 16, in further view of Mastie et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,145,031).

Applicant contends that it has shown claims 1, 10 and 16 to be patentably distinct from the primary reference of Hansen. The secondary reference of Mastie et al. is not purported to cure the deficiencies of the Hansen reference, and Applicant contends that it fails to do so. As such, the combination of Hansen and Mastie et al., taken either alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest each and every element of claims 1, 10 and 16. As claim 9 includes all patentable elements of claim 1, claims 13-14 include all patentable elements of claim 10, and claims 19-20 include all patentable elements of claim 16, these claims are also believed to be allowable. Applicant thus respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and allowance of claims 9, 13-14 and 19-20.

Claim 7

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen (U.S. Patent No. 7,072,057), as applied to claim 1 above, and in further view of Venkatraman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,956,487).

Applicant contends that it has shown claim 1 to be patentably distinct from the primary reference of Hansen. The secondary reference of Venkatraman et al. is not purported to cure the

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deficiencies of the Hansen reference, and Applicant contends that it fails to do so. As such, the combination of Hansen and Venkatraman et al., taken either alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest each and every element of claim 1. As claim 7 includes all patentable elements of claim 1, this claim is also believed to be allowable. Applicant thus respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and allowance of claim 7.

Claims 6 and 8

Claims 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen (U.S. Patent No. 7,072,057), further in view of Collard et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,825,988).

Applicant contends that it has shown claim 1 to be patentably distinct from the primary reference of Hansen. The secondary reference of Collard et al. is not purported to cure the deficiencies of the Hansen reference, and Applicant contends that it fails to do so. As such, the combination of Hansen and Collard et al., taken either alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest each and every element of claim 1. As claims 6 and 8 include all patentable elements of claim 1, these claims are also believed to be allowable. Applicant thus respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and allowance of claims 6 and 8.

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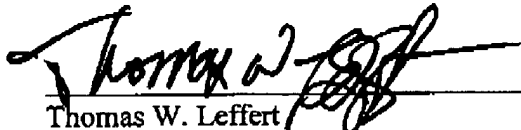
In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any further fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2204.

Respectfully submitted,

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